

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: May 16, 2006

Division: Comm. Dixie M. Spehar

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: BOCCI

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County, Florida in recognition of the passing of Commissioner Murray E. Nelson.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: *Dixie M. Spehar*

Dixie M. Spehar, Commissioner

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY,
FLORIDA IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE
MURRAY E. NELSON**

WHEREAS, Murray E. Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, patriarch of a large family, and wonderful friend to many, passed away on April 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Murray was committed to the preservation and improvement of Monroe County, and finding solutions to the problems of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the community mourns his loss and has exhibited its heartfelt sympathy for his extensive family, including his wife Mary and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Murray's strength of character sustained him in tackling public issues, particularly workforce housing and wastewater projects, until the very end, notwithstanding the toll taken by serious illness; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1: Hereby adopts this Resolution as an expression to the family of their deepest sympathy in the passing of the late Mayor Pro Tem Murray E. Nelson.

Section 2: Hereby recognizes and honors Murray Nelson for his unfailing devotion to family, community, and friends as exemplified by the following:

Murray Nelson served in the U.S. Army in Korea;

Murray first became involved in the community shortly after becoming a full-time resident of Port Largo in 1992, after fourteen years of part-time residency while operating his own electrical business in Miami, and was elected to the board of his homeowners' association;

Prior to, and while serving on the County Commission, Murray accomplished an enhancement of services to the Upper Keys, including additional parks and expanded facilities, many road improvements, and setting the course for the relocation of the County's Upper Keys government center to Key Largo, instead of the municipality of Islamorada;

Murray served on the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County from 2000 through April, 2006, serving as mayor and mayor pro tem during his years on the Board;

During his tenure on the Board, Murray was indefatigable in his pursuit of workforce housing solutions for the residents of the Florida Keys, and was instrumental in securing a commitment from the State of Florida to provide \$93,000,000 to purchase environmentally sensitive lands as well as substantial funding for workforce affordable housing and wastewater projects;

Murray always maintained his integrity and stood fast in carrying out his responsibilities on the County Commission;

Murray E. Nelson was a man of vision, commitment and faith.

Section 3: Hereby directs the Clerk to forward to the family of Murray Nelson a copy of this Resolution expressing the Board's sorrow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of May, A.D., 2006.

Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy
Mayor Pro Tem
Commissioner George Neugent
Commissioner David P. Rice
Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar

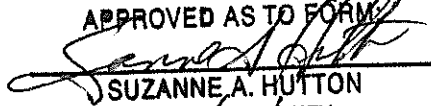
Vacant

(SEAL)
Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 7/28/06